to rectify the defects in the scheme for conversion of Leasehold Properties into Freehold by 30th September, 1994 (vide CWP No. 3565/93, New Rajendra Nagar Association VS the Union of India); and

(b) whether Government propose to place the text of the revised notification on the table of the House in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Effective implementation of NCR Plan

629. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the population of the National Capital Territory of Delhi has increased by about 46 lakh during the last ten years, causing acute pressure on its limited civic services;

(b) whether this increase is about double the population increase envisaged in the Delhi Master Plan;

(c) whether this disproportionate in crease and consequent problems are large-fy due to failure of the Government to secure effective implementation of Na tional Capital Region plan;

(d) when was the concept of National Capital Region plan accepted by Govern, ment and through what stages of con-cretisation]inrp!ementation has this plan passed; and

(e) what precise remedial measures are being taken to execute the plan in a serious and meaningful way and to make good the deficiencies of the past?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) According to the census, the increase in the population of the National Capital Territory of Delhi during 1981-91 is about 32 lakhs.

(b) and (c) The increase in population envisaged during the decade 1981-91 as per Delhi Master Plan was 28.8 lakhs against the actual increase of 32 lakhs as per census, during the same period.

(d) r.ud (e) The concept of National Capital Region Plan was accepted by the Govt, in 1985 when the National Capital Region Planning Board was set up through an Act of Parliament.

From 1-4-85 to 31-3-94, the **NCR** Planing Board related loans aggregating 87.35 crore$_s$ or both ongoing and new schemes, the corresponding invest-on ihe part of the State being Rs. 73.19 crores. In addition, the Board released Rs. 4 cro,re$_s$ towards the develop-meni of 3 counter magnet owns namely Patiala in Punjab, Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh and Kota in Rajasthan, whereas the States' contribution was Rs. 78 lakhs.

With effect from 23-1-89, the NCR Planning Board has brought into force Regional Plan-2001. Under this plan, the NCR Planning Board has approved an Eighth Plan Investment Programme amounting to Rs. 4342 crores, out of which Rs. 2375 crores i$_s$ in the Central Sector and Rs. 1967 crores in the State Sector. While the Central Sector development programmes have to be implemented by the Central Minis-tries/Departments of Surface Transport, Railways, Telecommunications, Power and Water Resources, the State Sector programmes are shared responsibility of ihe NCR Planning Board and the constituent States. In order to implement Ihe shared sub-component in the VHI Plan, an outlay of Rs. 200 crores in the form of Central Assistance has already been provided by the Planning Commission, with the stipulation that this amount would be matched by the State Governments in accordance with the investment programme prepared by th$_e$ NCR Planning Board.

Reduction of interest rate on loans by HUDCO

630. MISS SAROI KHAPARDE: Will the Ministeer of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that HUDCO has recently decided to reduce some of

the interest rate on loans being advanced by it for housing purposes;

(b) if so, ihe details thereof;

(c) whether the HUDCO is also proposing to branch out in new areas like water supply, township development, etc.;

(d) if so, the details thereof:

te) whether the HUDCO also propose Io have an expanded role in the context of the National Housing Policy: and

ff) ii' so. ihe details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Revised interest rates in respect of various, schemes are indicated HI the enclosed Statement. (See below).

(c) and (d) HUDCO has been providing finance for urban infrastructure scheme including water supply and township development. Upto 30-11-94. I; has sanctioned 173 water supply schemes for a loan assistance of Rs. 793.97 crores and two township development schemes for a loan assistance of Rs. 338.95 crores.

(e) ;ind (f) The National Housing Policy recognises the need to strengthen HUDCO and increase its resources for meeting in a general measure the requirements for shelter provision for lower income groups in rural and urban areas and for expanding infrastructural facilities in urban areas.

Statement

Revised Financial Pattern of HUDCO

Category	Present Rate (Gross %age)	Revised Rate (Gross %age)
HIG	17	16·5
Land Acquisition	16·5	15·5
URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE :		
Town having population upto 5 lakhs	14·5	14·5
Towns having population of more than 5 lakh and upto 10 lakhs	17	17·5
Towns having population above 10 lakhs	18·5	

In respect of urban Infrastructure Schemes the revised interest rates as indicated above shall be applicable, irrespective of the loan amount and, therefore, the existing loan ceiling have been removed. The revised interest rates shall be applicable in respect of releases made on or after 9th November, 1994 irrespective of the date of sanction.

Allotment of Gov-nment Accommou.i-tions to Journalists

631. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many journalists have been allotted Government accommodation as on date:

(b) the names of he journalists, their accredition and also date of allotment:

(c) how many journalists have surrendered their accommodation on retirementtdeathjehange of accredition etc. during ihe last three years.

(d) in how many cases there ruid been reallotment of the accommodation either to journalists or their next of kin; if so the details thereof;